

for our future, because we know that without vision, people perish.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and a long-time supporter of NASA, being from the Houston area.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution of my good friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL).

Human space flight is America's ultimate commitment to scientific exploration and research, and astronauts receive and deserve the most glory because they take the ultimate risk, as we know from the *Columbia* and the crew of *Apollo 1*, and the *Challenger*. They all made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is interesting, this resolution, because yesterday I had the opportunity in my district to visit three middle schools, Hambrick Middle School in Aldine ISD, Patrick Henry and Stevenson Middle Schools in the Houston Independent School District, with NASA astronaut Franklin Chang Diaz to encourage our young children to pursue careers in math and science and engineering so they can get great jobs and maybe even work for NASA one day. This is a great experience. I have been able to do that for a number of years with the astronauts in our community, because space exploration is not just the here and now, it is the future.

That is why this resolution, I think, is so important because it does look into the future. To get our Space Shuttles back into orbit, we need to know what went wrong and how to fix it. To do this, 30,000 people from local, State, and Federal agencies participated in the search for debris from the *Columbia* to try to piece together what happened. These efforts resulted in 82,000 pieces weighing 80,000 pounds, when workers covered 1.6 million acres on the ground and in the air. Importantly, many wing pieces, tiles, and the flight data box have been recovered and are being analyzed by NASA engineers right now.

Amazingly, with the tremendous efforts of the search parties, five of the nine experiments aboard *Columbia* have been recovered, including one experiment developing cancer treatment drugs.

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I would like to close by noting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is assuming most of the \$300 million tab on this important operation; \$1.2 million will reimburse Texas for the over-900 Texas National Guard personnel who participated.

I urge my colleagues to remember the expense needed for human space flight when we consider NASA's funding later this year. Shuttle maintenance and safety requirements are the highest priority. We need to take the lessons learned from the *Columbia* recovery search to heart and put them

into practice. Again, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) and urge my colleagues to suspend the rules and pass this resolution.

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I urge the passage of this resolution. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) for his participation and his support. He is a man of medicine and a very valuable member of the Committee on Science. I thank him for his input and will expect and appreciate his support of this resolution which I know is coming.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 222.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 281, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 160, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 222, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 281.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 281, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 183]

YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Cardin	Evans
Ackerman	Cardoza	Everett
Aderholt	Carson (IN)	Farr
Akin	Carson (OK)	Fattah
Alexander	Carter	Feeney
Allen	Castle	Ferguson
Andrews	Chabot	Filner
Baca	Chocola	Flake
Bachus	Clay	Fletcher
Baird	Clyburn	Foley
Baker	Coble	Ford
Baldwin	Cole	Fossella
Ballance	Collins	Frank (MA)
Ballenger	Combust	Franks (AZ)
Barrett (SC)	Cooper	Frelinghuysen
Bartlett (MD)	Costello	Frost
Barton (TX)	Cramer	Gallegly
Bass	Crane	Garrett (NJ)
Beauprez	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Becerra	Crowley	Gibbons
Bell	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bereuter	Culberson	Gillmor
Berkley	Cummings	Gingrey
Berman	Cunningham	Gonzalez
Berry	Davis (AL)	Goode
Biggert	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Billirakis	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Bishop (GA)	Davis (IL)	Goss
Bishop (NY)	Davis (TN)	Graves
Bishop (UT)	Davis, Jo Ann	Green (TX)
Blackburn	Davis, Tom	Green (WI)
Blumenauer	Deal (GA)	Grijalva
Boehlert	DeFazio	Gutknecht
Boehner	DeGette	Hall
Bonilla	Delahunt	Harman
Bonner	DeLauro	Harris
Bono	DeLay	Hart
Boozman	DeMint	Hastings (FL)
Boswell	Deutsch	Hastings (WA)
Boucher	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayes
Bradley (NH)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hayworth
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Hefley
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hensarling
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Herger
Brown (SC)	Dooley (CA)	Hill
Brown-Waite,	Doolittle	Hinchey
Ginny	Doyle	Hinojosa
Burgess	Dreier	Hobson
Burns	Duncan	Hoefel
Burr	Dunn	Hoekstra
Burton (IN)	Ehlers	Holden
Calvert	Emanuel	Holt
Camp	Emerson	Honda
Cannon	Engel	Hooley (OR)
Cantor	English	Hostettler
Capito	Eshoo	Houghton
Capuano	Etheridge	Hoyer